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German Offenlegungsschrift DE 43 00 060 A1 appears to disclose or at least relate to drying apparatus for granular resinous materials in which air is pumped through at least one chamber housing at least some of the resinous material to be dried, and therefore may be relevant to the patentability of at least one of the claims of the instant application.

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